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A Handbook of Labor Literature; Being a Classified and Annotated List of the More Important Books and Pamphlets in the English Language. Compiled by HELEN MAROT. Philadelphia: Free Library of Economics and Political Science, 1899. 12mo, pp. viii + 96.

THIS little handbook will prove of real service to the reader who wishes to find the more important works dealing with various phases of the labor problem without wading through some ponderous and exhaustive bibliography. It is, of course, incomplete—it would defeat its purpose were it otherwise—but the thousand titles are well chosen; they are conveniently classified under some thirty heads, and a brief note tells what is the general scope of each book. Altogether the work is well done: so well done that it is a pity that it is not better done. One hears continually preached the necessity of good workmanship even in the humbler mechanic arts. It would seem that a suspicion of slovenly workmanship is fully as reprehensible in the world of letters as in that of material production; and even an introductory disclaimer that the compiler does not profess always to give the exact title does not forefend the criticism that a good workman *ought* to be exact. It is to be regretted that in many cases the date of publication—so important an item—has been omitted, and the list of labor periodicals is of comparatively little use without some indication of the period during which the various journals have been published. The subscription price of periodicals, which the compiler omits, is as essential as the publication price of the books, which is generally given. It is also unfortunate to find an occasional slip in the name of an author.

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The City Wilderness. A Settlement Study. By Residents and Associates of the South End House, Boston. Edited by ROBERT A. WOODS. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1898. 12mo. pp. vii + 319.

THIS volume is similar to the *Hull House Maps and Papers* issued some time ago by the residents of Hull House, Chicago. Ten papers on the conditions and life of a congested quarter of a great city, with an introductory description of the region studied, an historical chapter, and a few maps and charts make up the book. It represents an